

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

David C. CUSHING

Serial No. 09/480,991

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For: AUTOMATED BATCH AUCTIONS
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the subject application,
please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 3, line 20, insert --by-- before "U.S.";

Page 27, lines 33-34, delete "price discovery period" and
insert therefor --order execution period--.

Remarks

The above amendments do not add any new matter, and are made
solely to correct typographical and grammatical errors in the
application as filed. Adequate support for the above amendments

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